

REMARKS

Applicant respectfully requests consideration of the subject application as amended herein. This Amendment is submitted in response to the Final Office Action mailed on January 3, 2007. Claims 1-7 and 10-28 are rejected. In this Amendment, claims 1 and 15 have been amended. No claims have been added. No new matter has been added. No claims have been canceled. Therefore, claims 1-7 and 10-28 are presented for examination.

Summary of Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a)

Claims 1-3 and 6 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Bateman et al, (U.S. Pub. No. 2002/0194414, hereinafter “Bateman”) in view of Yamada et al., (U.S. Patent No. 6,239,837, hereinafter “Yamada”) and further in view of Terakado et al., (U.S. Pub. No. 2002/0001042, hereinafter “Terakado”).

Claims 4-5, 7, and 10-14 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Bateman in view of Yamada in view of Terakado and in further view of Okada (U.S. Patent No. 6,630,954, hereinafter “Okada”).

Claims 15, 18, 21-22 and 25 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Yamada in view of Bateman.

Claims 16-17, 19-20, 23-24, and 26-28 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Bateman in view of Yamada and in further view of Okada.

Claims 1-3 and 6

Claims 1-3 and 6 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Bateman in view of Yamada and further in view of Terakado.

As amended, claim 1 recites:

A method facilitating transfer of information from a data capture device to a host device, the method comprising:

upon establishing a wireless network connection between a data capture device and a host device that is capable of communicating with said data capture device, automatically verifying that the wireless network connection has been established between said data capture device and said host device and automatically initiating an immediate transfer of information from said data capture device;

automatically providing notification that said transfer of information is in process; and

automatically providing notification of successful completion of said transfer of information by one of illumination or extinguishing of a light on said data capture device.

(emphasis added).

Bateman teaches a camera base unit (cradle) for connecting a digital camera to a local host. Once the digital camera is connected to the camera base unit, an LED indicates that a successful connection has been made. (Bateman, page 1, paragraph [0009]; page 3, paragraph [0028], Figure 1). The connection between the digital camera and the local host is a **direct wired connection** facilitated by the camera base unit. Bateman does not teach or suggest establishing a wireless network connection between a data capture device and a host device, as recited by claim 1, as amended.

Furthermore, for a connection using a cradle, there is no need or incentive for utilizing a notification that transfer is in process or that transfer is complete, since transfer using such a connection is always stable and not interrupted. In contrast to wirelessly connected devices, there is no likelihood that a transfer would be interrupted when a cradle is used. Therefore, there is no incentive in Bateman to include any notification of this sort.

Yamada teaches inserting an auxiliary memory card into a digital camera. Files may then be transferred from a main memory to the auxiliary memory card. (Yamada, col. 4, lines 32-35). The connection between the auxiliary memory card and the digital camera is a **direct physical connection**. Yamada does not teach or suggest establishing a wireless network

connection between a data capture device and a host device, as required by claim 1.

Therefore, Yamada fails to teach or suggest the elements of claim 1 missing from Bateman.

Terakado teaches a remote control that sends and receives data with a base unit using infrared light. (Terakado, page 4, paragraph [0058]). The infrared light is sent directly from the remote control to the base unit, and directly from the base unit to the remote control.

Terakado does not teach or suggest sending the infrared light through a network. Rather, the connection between the remote control and the base unit is a **direct infrared connection**.

Terakado does not teach or suggest establishing a wireless network connection between a data capture device and a host device, as required by claim 1. Therefore, Terakado fails to teach or suggest the elements of claim 1 missing from Bateman and Yamada.

None of Bateman, Yamada, or Terakado, alone or in combination, teach or suggest all of the limitations of claim 1. Therefore, applicants respectfully assert that claim 1 and its associated dependent claims are in a condition for allowance, and request that the Examiner remove his rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a).

Claims 4-5, 7 and 10-14

Claims 4-5, 7, and 10-14 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Bateman in view of Yamada in view of Terakado and in further view of Okada (U.S. Patent No. 6,630,954, hereinafter “Okada”).

Okada teaches a digital camera that warns a user when a digital photograph is to be deleted. Okada does not teach or suggest establishing a wireless network connection between a data capture device and a host device, as required by claim 1. Therefore, Okada fails to teach or suggest the elements of claim 1 missing from Bateman, Yamada and Terakado.

None of Bateman, Yamada, Terakado or Okada, alone or in combination, teach or suggest all of the limitations of claim 1. Claims 4-5, 7 and 10-14 depend from, and thus

include the limitations of, claim 1. Therefore, claims 4-5, 7 and 10-14 are patentable for at least the reasons discussed above with reference to claim 1. Accordingly, applicants respectfully assert that claim 1 and its associated dependent claims are in a condition for allowance, and request that the Examiner remove his rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a).

Claims 15, 18, 21-22 and 25

Claims 15, 18, 21-22 and 25 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Yamada in view of Bateman.

As amended, claim 15 recites:

A method facilitating transfer of information from a first device to a second device capable of communicating with said first device, the method comprising:

upon **establishing a wireless network connection** between a first device and a second device, automatically providing notification of the establishment of connectivity between said first device and said second device, enabling immediate automatic initiation of a transfer of information from said first device to said second device;

upon initiation of a transfer of information from said first device to said second device, automatically providing feedback while said transfer of information is in process; and

automatically providing notification of completion of said transfer of information.

(emphasis added).

Yamada teaches inserting an auxiliary memory card into a digital camera. Files may then be transferred from a main memory to the auxiliary memory card. (Yamada, col. 4, lines 32-35). The connection between the auxiliary memory card and the digital camera is a **direct physical connection**. Yamada does not teach or suggest establishing a wireless network connection between a first device and a second device, as required by claim 15.

Bateman teaches a camera base unit (cradle) for connecting a digital camera to a local host. Once the digital camera is connected to the camera base unit, an LED indicates that a successful connection has been made. (Bateman, page 1, paragraph [0009]; page 3,

paragraph [0028], Figure 1). The connection between the digital camera and the local host is a **direct wired connection** facilitated by the camera base unit. Bateman does not teach or suggest establishing a wireless network connection between a first device and a second device, as required by claim 15. Therefore, Bateman fails to teach or suggest the elements of claim 15 missing from Yamada.

Furthermore, in neither Yamada nor Bateman is it useful to indicate when a connection is established, since when a direct wired connection is made, the user is already aware of the existence of the connection.

Neither Yamada nor Bateman, alone or in combination, teach or suggest all of the limitations of claim 15. Therefore, applicants respectfully assert that claim 15 and its associated dependent claims are in a condition for allowance, and request that the Examiner remove his rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a).

Claims 16-17, 19-20, 23-24 and 26-28

Claims 16-17, 19-20, 23-24, and 26-28 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Bateman in view of Yamada and in further view of Okada.

Okada teaches a digital camera that warns a user when a digital photograph is to be deleted. Okada does not teach or suggest establishing a wireless network connection between a first device and a second device, as required by claim 15. Therefore, Okada fails to teach or suggest the elements of claim 15 missing from Yamada and Bateman.

None of Yamada, Bateman or Okada, alone or in combination, teach or suggest all of the limitations of claim 15. Claims 16-17, 19-20, 23-24 and 26-28 depend from, and thus include the limitations of, claim 15. Therefore, claims 16-17, 19-20, 23-24 and 26-28 are patentable for at least the reasons discussed above with reference to claim 15. Accordingly, applicants respectfully assert that claim 15 and its associated dependent claims are in a

condition for allowance, and request that the Examiner remove his rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a).

Conclusion

Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests the withdrawal of the rejections and submits that pending claims 1-7 and 10-28 are in condition for allowance. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the application and allowance of the pending claims.

If the Examiner determines the prompt allowance of these claims could be facilitated by a telephone conference, the Examiner is invited to contact Benjamin Kimes at (408) 720-8300.

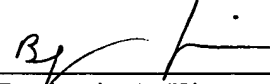
Deposit Account Authorization

Authorization is hereby given to charge our Deposit Account No. 02-2666 for any charges that may be due. Furthermore, if an extension is required, then Applicant hereby requests such extension.

Respectfully submitted,

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